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The World's
Best Variety with Two
Companions of
Exceptional Merit

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TWO years ago we first introduced Oriental Poppy, Lula A. Neeley, to the lovers of fine flowers. I am trying to keep my reputation for a sparing use of superlatives, but after these years of growing Lula A. Neeley in my garden among other fine varieties, I can still say with conviction that I believe it to be the world's very best Oriental Poppy. I have yet to see one which can crowd it at all in its position on the topmost rung of the ladder.

Lula A. Neeley has everything in its favor. The flower is large, not quite so large as that of Trilby, but it opens better and lacks that floppiness which often mars too large a flower. It grows in size for several days after opening and its lasting qualities are good. The stem is tall and admirably supports the bloom, whose color is the most perfect red yet found in an Oriental Poppy. It is red, not the objectionable brick-orange of so many Poppies, but a red-scarlet fit to grace the breast of a Cardinal. The faults of color, of poor support and of short blooming period so



common to the ordinary Oriental Poppy are not to be found in this best of red Poppies. Along with its other fine qualities it is a most excellent landscape variety. Dr. Neeley has with it set a very high standard for his originations. The beaten paths around our display beds of this variety were mute evidence of its popularity during our blooming season.

Since it was introduced, two years ago, at twenty-five dollars, my stock of this excellent variety has increased considerably as it multiplies rapidly. Due to this fact, I am able to offer single roots of Lula A. Neeley at five dollars (\$5.00) each. No doubt, after another two or three years it will be still lower in price, but if you purchase it now, it can multiply in your garden as it does in mine, and at the end of two years you yourself will have several plants to use for group plantings or to give to some of your friends who are also garden enthusiasts. This latter practice it seems is particularly prevalent among those interested in flowers, and it gives us just one more thing to mark up to their credit—establishing closer neighborly friendships.

Wurtemburgia, a still larger dark red variety, was considered the world's best



Oriental Poppy until the introduction of Lula A. Neeley. Without a doubt, it will always be a favorite, because of its size, dignity, and color. It does not increase as Lula A. Neeley and I am still listing it at \$5.00 a root. Any collection of garden flowers will be greatly enhanced by the addition of these two Poppies which rival each other in quality as well as in beauty.

Masterpiece is listed by some growers as a fine pink. My observation of it is, that its color sometimes is slightly muddy, and that it is not as good as a pink variety, as Lula A. Neeley is, as a red variety, and yet because true pink Poppies are hard to procure, I list this variety at \$1.00, but I am hoping that some of the new seedlings from Dr. Neeley's garden may prove to be better. One of the new seedlings which bloomed in his garden this last year is a fairly good lavender and we intend to propagate it and hope to offer some roots of it for sale within two years. The older variety, Trilby, is as good as ever, but it is not as reliable in growth, and does not multiply as rapidly as Lula A. Neeley and Wurtembergia and so we cannot offer it for sale this year.

I hope to accumulate stock of Perry's White and Mrs. Perry, both of which



are good Oriental Poppies, but the grower who furnished them to me sent me pot grown plants and nearly everyone of them perished. All of the Poppies which we sent to our customers were field grown and so far I have not heard of a single one which failed to grow. We will send out field grown plants again this fall.

I am also accumulating some stock of "Flanders Field," but I feel sure that if a person buys but one Oriental Poppy that one should be Lula A. Neeley.

A color plate of Lula A. Neeley was attempted, as we wished to reproduce it here, but the artist who so satisfactorily acquitted himself with his work on the Iris, Mother of Pearl, was not able to show the splendor of this Poppy. However, we shall next year try again to get a color reproduction of it. At best, it is hard to make mere paints do justice even in a small measure to the beauty and brilliance of these flowers.

It is only by growing these gorgeous Poppies in your own garden that you will obtain any adequate idea of their magnificence. If you add them to your collection I feel confident that you will consider yourself well repaid when the established plants bloom in their dazzling glory.



FIELD GROWN PLANTS

Lula A. Neeley \$5.00

Wurtemburgia 5.00

Masterpiece 1.00

(Transportation Charges Prepaid)

Hundreds of varieties of Glads are in bloom in our garden now. Hundreds of other varieties are still to come into bloom. The most beautiful one in the garden today is "Beauty's Queen," a seedling which came also from Dr. Neeley's garden. We may offer a few corms (bulbs) of it for sale next season.



